

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and is clearly a violation of broadcast regulations which require stations using public airwaves to present a balanced view.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. It is imperative that Sinclair be reminded to present a balanced view. It is deplorable that a Kerry smear ad is being forced on local stations by the higher ups at Sinclair. This is just WRONG!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.